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Letter dated 8 August 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach a copy of the statement issued today by the Spokesman of the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India on the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session under agenda item 42, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nalin SURIE
Acting Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement by the Official Spokesman of the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India on the rejection of the Contact Group proposals by the Bosnian Serbs

The Government of India regrets that the Contact Group proposals for a political settlement of the Bosnian conflict have been rejected by the Bosnian Serbs. We had hoped that acceptance by all the parties involved would pave the way to an end to the continuing conflict in Bosnia, which we have watched with great anguish. It is unfortunate that the hopes of the international community that the proposals could form the basis for a negotiated and peaceful end to the long-drawn-out conflict have received a serious set-back.

We have noted that the leadership of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and of Serbia have disassociated themselves from the actions of the Bosnian Serbs and that punitive action by the United Nations is contemplated against the Bosnian Serbs. The rejection of the proposal by the Bosnian Serbs carries with it the danger of the continuation and even grave escalation of the conflict.

We urge the Bosnian Serbs to accept the Contact Group proposals and to resolve their remaining differences in the spirit of peaceful negotiation and reconciliation, which can lead to irreversible steps towards a just and durable peace in Bosnia.